

SENATE APPROVES BONE DRY MEASURE

**DRY AMENDMENT
PASSES THE HOUSE
WITH EIGHT VOTES;
CONGRESS RESTS**

WILL BE SUBMITTED TO STATES
FOR FINAL DECISION. TWO
BRANCHES OF CONGRESS REACH
AGREEMENT.

ALABAMA MEMBERS SPLIT

MANY RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR
HOLIDAY PROBES CAME UP AT
THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Sweeping
investigations into America's
transportation difficulties both on
land and sea were ordered by the
senate this afternoon. Without
a dissenting voice the senate
adopted a resolution offered by
Senator Harding calling for a
thorough inquiry into the ship-
ping difficulties. The investiga-
tion will be conducted by the sen-
ate commerce committee during
the holiday recess. In the next
moment, by unanimous vote, the
senate adopted another resolu-
tion, offered by Senator Cummins,
ordering a complete probe of the
interstate commerce commission's
recommendation for relieving the
railway situation. Democrats
joined with equal enthusiasm with
Republicans in insisting on the
investigation. With the food ad-
ministration, the fuel adminis-
tration, the navy and the army
already under fire, practically
every important governmental
branch is being investigated, fol-
lowing the latest move of the
senate.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator
Harding of Ohio, this afternoon
demanded an investigation of the
shipping board. He announced in
the senate he would offer a resolu-
tion for an inquiry during the
holidays.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Following
the passage of the prohibition res-
olution by the house, dry leaders
from every state in the union
were today predicting quick pro-
hibition throughout the nation.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator
Borah's efforts to make congress
stay on the job during the holi-
days was defeated this afternoon
by a vote of 43 to 32.

**HOUSE PASSES AMENDMENT;
EIGHT VOTES TO SPARE.**
Washington, Dec. 18.—The vote in
the house, taken after a day of de-
bate before crowded galleries, was
32 to 128, with the parties dividing
most evenly. The margin for prohi-
bition was just eight votes more than
the necessary two-thirds of the mem-
bership of the house required for
adoption and 26 more than two-thirds
of those voting.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate
this afternoon agreed to the house
amendment to the Sheppard nation-
al prohibition resolution and sent
it measure to the White House to
receive the president's signature.
The action of the senate was taken
by a rising vote. Vice President Mar-
shall announced the count to be 47 to
Senator Borah, of Idaho, although
"dry," launched a fight against the
amendment. He contended that
congress had no right for the ratifi-
cation of a time limit for the ratifi-
cation of the amendment by the states.

**ALABAMA DELEGATION
VOTED FIFTY FIFTY.**
Washington, Dec. 18.—The Alabama
delegation split half in two on the
one dry amendment, which passed
the house late yesterday. Those who
voted for the amendment were: Al-
on, Burnett, Oliver, Bankhead and
Regall. Those who voted against the
amendment were: Heflin, Huddles-
on, Dent, Blackmon and Gray.

**AMERICAN SHIPS
MAY AID BRITISH
IN THE NORTH SEA;
14 VESSELS ARE SUNK**

CRUISERS ARE BEING USED, AS
WELL AS SUBMARINES, IN SINK-
ING ALLIED AND NEUTRAL
MERCHANTMEN.

GERMAN NAVY IS BUSY

LATEST DISASTER INDICATES
THAT ENGLISH PATROLS ARE
NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING
THE SITUATION.

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 18.—Demands for
stronger patrols in the North Sea to
curb German raids led to an inter-
esting but unconfirmed report today
that American naval forces might re-
inforce the British guard ships on
duty in these waters.

The sinking of 14 ships by the
Germans, three of them in British wa-
ters off the mouth of the Tyne river,
shows that the German navy is operat-
ing with impudent boldness and is
now using large-sized cruisers as well
as submarines in its warfare on mer-
cantile shipping.
A naval court of inquiry has already
begun an investigation of the sinking
of the British cruiser Partridge, six
merchantmen and four trawlers while
playing between Scotland and Norway,
by four German destroyers. The
British destroyer Polew was also
damaged by German shell fire.
The Germans carried out this raid
with their usual wanton cruelty, and
ships carrying women were shelled
and sunk. It is believed that a large
number of neutral sailors lost their
lives, as five of the merchantmen
were neutrals.

A dispatch by the German admiralty
picked up here said a number of
prisoners, including four officers,
were taken on board the German de-
stroyers. It added that all the Ger-
man craft got back to German ports.

**Owl Drug Co.
Not Responsible
For Sunday Sign**

Albany-Decatur Daily:
In yesterday's write-up of the
enforcement of the Sunday blue
law, it was stated among other
things that there was a notice on
our door, "Closed by the Middle-
some Preachers." This is the fact
as stated, but in justice to the
Owl Drug Co., I want to say that
the notice was posted on the out-
side by some of our middle-
some neighbors and without the
knowledge or consent of anyone
connected with the Owl Drug Co.
Personally, I have my views on
this question, but have not felt
called on to enter the fight to
antagonize anyone who might
differ with me. But I want to say
for the benefit of our middle-
some neighbor, that it has been my
observation that it is the best pol-
icy for every man to attend to
his own affairs and that when it
becomes necessary for the Owl
Drug Co. to take issue in any
question, moral or otherwise, I
am willing for our past record in
this community to be the basis by
which we are judged by the pub-
lic.

F. R. BEASON.

**Christmas Program at
Fairview Public School**

At the Fairview school on Wednes-
day evening at 7:30 o'clock an in-
teresting Christmas program will be
given to which the public is cordially
invited. Misses Estella Rooker and
Grace Willingham will take the lead-
ing parts, assisted by the boys and
girls of the school, the whole to be
given under the able direction of the
teachers, Misses Katie Reece and El-
sie Alexander.



1—First photograph received from Riga since the capture of that Russian port by the Germans. 2—Information bureau for soldiers and their friends such as the commissions on training camp activities are erecting near all forces in Mesopotamia. 3—Gen. W. P. Marshall, who has succeeded the late General Maude as commander of the British

**Two "Lightless Nights" Each Week
Ordered For the Twin Cities**

**COL. HOUSE TELLS
PRESIDENT HUNS
ARE LOSING PUNCH**

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—The inner-
most secrets of the war, those in-
volving momentous questions on
which hinge the fate of all the na-
tions engaged, were uncovered here
today. The immediate result admit-
tedly will be a general tightening up
of all matters of American participa-
tion. The ultimate object will be
the immediate changing of naval and
military policies.
Additional emphasis also will be
put on the "win the war at any cost"
slogan here in the United States.
From immediately after dinner last
night until well into the early morn-
ing hours, light burned full blast at
President Wilson's study at the White
House. Closed only with Col. E.
M. House, the president received the
complete report on the doing of the
American mission abroad, both for
hours last night and again today.
Secrets which could not be put on
paper were revealed.

Through the entire report, it is
learned from an unimpeachable
source, ran a note of extreme op-
timism. The result is satisfying. The
German military power was shown to
be crumbling—slowly, but none the
less crumbling—and in every part of
the empire at that. The disaffection
in Turkey and Bulgaria is extreme,
and the president was told just what
has been done toward forcing a sepa-
rate peace by these countries and
what can be expected within the next
six months.

The conference between the presi-
dent and his closest personal adviser
was resumed immediately after break-
fast today.

**Christmas Presents
For Sammies Safe**

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Christ-
mas presents for each man in the
American army in France have
arrived at a European port, it was
announced at the war department
today.

**BORAH WANTED SESSIONS
DURING YULETIDE PERIOD**
(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate
today was confronted by the pros-
pect of a stubborn fight to abandon
the traditional two-weeks' recess and
stay on the job prepared to deal
promptly with the railroad problem.
Senator Borah of Idaho, put a motion
immediately after the senate con-
vened today to reconsider the resolu-
tion adopted yesterday for the holi-
days, declaring it was the duty of the
senate to remain in Washington to
act on any request the president
might make to remedy the railroad
situation.

**Thursday and Sunday
Evening Must be
Dark to Save
Coal**

For the conservation of fuel used
in the manufacture of electricity
"lightless nights" have been ordered
for the Twin Cities, along with the
remainder of the United States.
Thursday and Sunday nights will be
thus observed, and on these two eve-
nings electric signs will be discon-
tinued and street lights trimmed low.
The order of the state fuel admin-
istrator is conveyed in the following
communication from the Morgan
county fuel committee:
Editor Albany-Decatur Daily,
Albany, Ala.
Dear Sir:

We are furnishing you here-
with copy of letter from Hon. S.
P. Kennedy, state fuel administra-
tor, which contains copy of tele-
graphic order from fuel adminis-
tration, Washington, D. C.
We will thank you to give this
order a prominent space in
your paper, and urge a strict ob-
servance of this order on the part
of each and everyone concerned.
Very truly yours,
JOHN PATTERSON,
J. H. CALVIN,
C. D. CARTER,
Morgan County Fuel Com.

National Fuel Administration.
Anniston, Ala., Dec. 15, 1917.
To All County Chairmen,
State of Alabama:

The following telegraphic or-
der just received from Fuel Ad-
ministration, Washington:
"Order of fuel administrator
taking effect December 15, can-
cels present order regulating
time advertising signs shall be
lighted. In its place, all signs
of every kind, including mer-
chants' signs, theatre signs, also
display lighting on buildings, and
elsewhere, hotel signs and adver-
tising signs are ordered discon-
tinued completely on Thursday
and Sunday nights of each week.
On these same nights, stores not
open for business must not show
inside lights more than are nec-
essary for safety, and municipali-
ties with cluster lights or extra
bright lighting for white way ef-
fect, must reduce on Thursday and
Sunday nights to only so much
lighting as is necessary for safe-
ty. These nights will be called
"lightless nights," and we wish
your local papers to urge house-
holders to observe these nights
with as few lights in homes as
possible. Please understand the
spirit of order is that on Thurs-
day and Sunday nights there shall
be no more outdoor lighting than
is absolutely necessary for safe-
ty of streets, passages and dan-
gerous spots, and that you are
charged by the United States fuel
administration with giving full
effect to this order, using the full
authority granted you by the fuel
administrator to enforce same if
there are any individual viola-
tors."
(Continued on Page Two.)

**SUGAR FAMINE ON;
NONE ON MARKET
IN THIS SECTION,
NONE IN SIGHT**

**SITUATION EXTREMELY SERIOUS
AND EVERY INDICATION THAT
THIS WILL BE A "SUGARLESS
CHRISTMAS" FOR THE TWIN
CITIES.**

SHIPMENTS ARE DELAYED

**CALVIN SAYS THAT WITH EX-
CEPTION OF CARS ALREADY
CONTRACTED FOR, NONE CAN
BE BOUGHT.**

A "sugarless Christmas" is in sight
for the Twin Cities. With all the
wholesalers entirely minus the sac-
charine product and with the retail
supply limited to practically nothing,
there was every indication today that
the situation would not be improved
for some days to come and perhaps
weeks.

The sugar supply in Athens, Hart-
selle and other neighboring towns is
just as low as it is here. One retail-
er in Athens yesterday had some
sugar for sale and he was dribbling
this out 25 cents worth to a custom-
er. Only one Albany dealer has sugar
in stock, and he, too, is limiting sales.

According to J. H. Calvin, of the
Calvin Grocery Company, the re-
fineries are failing to fill contracts.
To their reluctance is added rail con-
gestion which has seriously delayed
deliveries.

"The Calvin Company has one car
bought for its Albany house and one
for its Hartselle house, but although
the contract was made sixty days ago
no invoices have been received as yet,
and it is impossible to say when the
sugar will come through," said Mr.
Calvin. "Another local jobber has 300
sacks bought to come forward in our
car, while a third is unable to place
an order at all. An order placed by
the Calvin company for a car for our
Cullman house was turned down, al-
though just one day later than that
for the two cars for Albany and Hart-
selle."

A taste of war, but not a taste of
sugar looks like the present holiday
program.

**Householders to
Get More Coal**

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Wide-
spread suffering from fuel fam-
ines in many cities and towns to-
day forced the fuel administra-
tion to issue sweeping orders for
the diversion of coal to house-
holders in preference to indus-
trial concerns.

RUSS ARE ANXIOUS FOR PEACE PARLEY ON NEUTRAL SOIL

**Bolsheviki Would Like to Complete Sell Out in
Stockholm or the Hague**

COSSACKS VICTORIOUS IN SECOND ENCOUNTER

**Lull Reported from Western Front. No
Decisive Battles Anywhere**

The haste with which the Bolsheviki and German intriguers are rush-
ing their peace plotting to a conclusion stood out today as one of the
most important pieces of war news in the absence of dispatches from any
of the fronts of any decisive action. Dispatches today showed that the
patriotic Cossacks were still active. The lull on the western front con-
tinues. Fighting of varying intensity continues in Italy without decisive
result.

(International News Service.)
Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—Former Premier Kerensky of Russia has taken
the field against the Bolsheviki forces and is marching toward Petro-
grad, according to a dispatch published here today.

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 18.—Four former members of the Russian government
were arrested by the Bolsheviki government today, according to a dis-
patch from Petrograd. According to advices the Bolsheviki in Petro-
grad are arresting a great number of persons daily.

(International News Service.)
Stockholm, Dec. 18.—A second defeat for the Bolsheviki forces in
southern Russia and the capture of Rostov by patriotic Cossacks was re-
ported in a dispatch from Happparanda today.

(International News Service.)
Paris, Dec. 18.—Heavy firing in the sector of the Rhone-Rhone canal
was reported today by the French war office.

(International News Service.)
Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—Although Berlin reports that Dr. Von Kuehl-
mann, the German foreign minister, is on his way to Brest-Litovsk to take
part in peace negotiations between Russia and the central powers ad-
vices received today from Petrograd stated that an effort was to be made
to conclude the final negotiations on neutral soil.
Stockholm and The Hague are both favored, although international
situations exist which would have to be cleared away before the proceed-
ings could take place in either city.

The Russian foreign minister, Leon
Trotsky, has declared that unless the
passports of Russians are revised by
the foreign embassies, the Bolsheviki
government would retaliate with sim-
ilar refusals. This is taken as an
effort to open the way so that Rus-
sian delegates could get into one of
the neutral capitals for a final peace
parley.

Germany is playing the peace game
from three angles: 1.—To secure
recognition from foreign powers of the
proposed peace conference. 2.—
To secure all of Germany's eastern
war aims in the preliminary meetings
at Brest-Litovsk. 3.—To placate the
socialist factions in both Russia and
Germany by calling in representatives
of the socialist parties for the con-
sideration of the unimportant things
at Stockholm. (Brest-Litovsk is that
part of Russia now occupied by the
German armies commanded by Prince
Leopold of Bavaria.)

London, Dec. 18.—The task of de-
fending the northern approaches to
Monte Gropia, the chief bulwark hold-
ing up the advance of the Austrians
on the eastern side of the Asiago
plateau in northern Italy, has been
given to the British and they are now
at grips with the invaders along the
salient on that part of the line.

Dispatches from Rome today told
of violent artillery duels from the
Piave to the Brenta river, with in-
fantry fighting in between.

German Attacks Red Cross and is Roughly Handled

**Other Instances of Cold Treatment Recited and Much
Indignation Aroused**

The Red Cross campaign is not
without its spirited instances. One
of these occurred at an Albany phar-
macy yesterday, when a German citi-
zen who entered the store was asked
by a young lady in attendance at a
Red Cross booth to become a mem-
ber of the local chapter.
The Boscho, for such he was, be-
gan to pour out a tirade of abuse
against the Red Cross and things
American. A number of men who
were standing near quickly interposed
and thrust the obstreperous man out
onto the sidewalk and advised him to
"beat it." He did. The man said
he was from Cullman.
Other instances of cold treatment
for the Red Cross workers have been
reported and have aroused much in-
dignation. A prominent Albany busi-
ness man is said to have remarked
that the Red Cross money was being
misappropriated. He was given a
stinging rebuke.
Husbands of some of the married
women who are working in the drive
have become aroused and some quick
action is expected if disloyal Ameri-
cans or disgruntled subjects of the
Kaiser are not more circumspect in
their use of words.

HOOVER'S HEELS ALLOWED TO COOL

**SENATE PROBES AGAIN REFUSE
TO HEAR FOOD DICTATOR.**

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Herbert C.
Hoover, food administrator, today
again demanded an immediate hearing
before the senate manufacturer's sub-
committee investigating the sugar
shortage. The committee again in-
dicated it would call Mr. Hoover
when it was ready and proceeded to
examine other witnesses. Judge
Lindley, counsel for the food adminis-
tration, said it was imperative Mr.
Hoover be heard this afternoon. Sen-
ator Reed, chairman of the commit-
tee, said that while he wished to
treat Mr. Hoover with every courtesy,
he could see no reason for breaking
in on the examination of other wit-
nesses at this time.



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A Final Broadside On Sunday Closing

Below the Daily is publishing a number of letters in regard to Sunday closing that have accumulated in this office during the past week. The writers hold different opinions. This closes the Sunday controversy, so far as the Daily is concerned. Hereafter, contributions on this subject will be published only at our regular advertising rates:

A CHALLENGE.

Albany-Decatur Daily: Some people of the Twin Cities are raising a great howl about the observance of Sunday and in doing this they have mixed Sunday with the Sabbath. Sunday is the first day of the week and was first observed by heathen sun-worshippers. They named the day for the thing they worshipped on that day. The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, the one that God sanctified and made holy. I will give ten dollars to anyone who will show me a command for keeping Sunday, or one instance where God accepted a substitute for one of the Ten Commandments.

A. C. MESSER.

620 Sixth avenue, west.

ANOTHER VIEW.

Albany-Decatur Daily: As so many sermons were preached Sunday a week ago in regard to the observance of the Sabbath day, I would like to say a few words. I am not a dispenser of any kind of goods. Don't you think it essential for some things to be sold every day, such as drugs. Suppose one were sick. There is no need of sending for a doctor; he will write you a prescription, you can't get the medicine; so there will be no need of calling a doctor; you may be dead by Monday. As to the Sabbath day, the preachers have the wrong idea. The Sabbath day was given by God to Jews only. It was a day of rest; but who kept it? No one kept it save Christ the immaculate Son of God. Therefore the Sabbath is not the day that we are supposed to keep. I defy any preacher to show me where God commanded anybody to keep the Sabbath save the Jews. Christ was a Jew and He kept the law, but when he died on the cross the law passed away. You see, we do not live under the law, but we live under grace. It is not the Sabbath day that we keep, but it is the Lord's day—that is the day in which He arose from the dead. What are you going to do with the shopmen and roadmen. Are the preachers going to stop the trains on Sunday. If it is an evil to do one thing on that day, it is wrong to do anything in the way of work.

I want to impress it on the preachers that we do not keep the Sabbath. If you think we do, read the law that God gave to Moses. The Sabbath is our Saturday. I don't believe that the merchants of Albany and Decatur care anything about selling on Sunday except the druggist, and I think the meat markets should open for about two hours in the morning, especially in the summer months, as all people are not prepared to keep fresh meat from Saturday.

CHAS. KENT.

PASTORS DETERMINED.

Albany-Decatur Daily: I want to protest against the Alabama Sunday laws being referred to as "blue laws," dusty, antiquated, etc. Our present Sunday laws were enacted in 1852 and are not as hoary as many of our most cherished and fundamental laws. Under the head of "blue laws," Chamber's Cyclopaedia (English) says: "Blue laws, a name given to certain enactments supposed to have been made by the New Haven colony in Connecticut in the early days of the settlement. These laws never existed."

I have known reputable newspapers who never took the time to investigate the subject, to claim that so rigid were those colonial laws that a man could not kiss his wife upon the Sabbath day. Why is it that people want to stigmatize and make the Sunday laws appear odious? Not one of the statutes is mandatory. No one is required to sing Psalms, pray, or go to church. Yet, the preachers are held up to ridicule by some and made to appear as favoring the enforcement of the Sunday laws because, perchance, their congregations may thereby be increased, when any preacher with a thimble full of grey matter in his dome knows that the crowd that hangs around a drug store Sundays is not a church-going set. But, the preacher feels that to trample one law under foot means ultimate anarchy. The inhibition placed upon Sunday selling of luxuries, and that is all the law prohibits; hurts no one except those whose desire for gain is so strong as to drown their soul in perdition. The law explicitly provides for "acts of charity or necessity," and in the opinion of most thoughtful people that would include milk all the year around and ice in summer, also filling prescriptions. Selma druggists tried to sell as usual after the decision of the court of appeals, but were promptly indicted by

the grand jury and closed up. Athens druggists had the goodness to close of their own accord, not wishing, as they stated, to be placed in the attitude of law breakers. I was in the Pastors' Union when this matter was taken up and I wish to say that they were a unit and determined.

REV. L. N. BROCK.

SUNDAY LAW AGAIN.

Albany-Decatur Daily:

The legislature is elected and empowered to make laws for the state. If every man is allowed to be a law unto himself we have anarchy instead of organized society. The laws duly passed by the legislature and incorporated in the code are the laws of the state, and stand as such until repealed by proper process.

It is the business of the courts to interpret the laws passed by the legislature, if there be any question as to the meaning and intent of the laws. It is not the business of a citizen to substitute his own interpretation in opposition to the dictum of the court is for him to pass beyond the range of his special competency. The statutes, whether wise or unwise, good or bad, as interpreted by the courts, are binding alike upon all citizens until repealed by a succeeding legislature or interpreted differently by a court of superior jurisdiction.

These positions are unassailable. No sophistry can circumvent their logic, and no appeal to prejudice can weaken their conclusions. If certain citizens choose to respect and observe the laws they can hardly be justly charged with wrong-doing. If they should desire and seek to secure the general enforcement of the laws they are clearly within their rights. No process of reasoning that has any regard for truth and fairness can convict them of being outlaws and enemies to the public good. If considerations of private gain or public convenience are weightier than law observance we have reached a pitiful stage in our social life, presaging contempt for all law and enmity against all execution of law. If certain individuals are accorded the right to override one law, fairness would entitle other individuals to disregard certain other laws that might stand in the way of their accomplishing certain selfish ends of their own.

It is a time for dispassionate, fair, clear thinking and charitable utterance. Inuendo and demagoguery have ever been the weapons of weakness. No issue can be settled by raising others, even though they be related ones.

HENRY M. STEVENSON.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to Governor Chas. Henderson, at his office in Montgomery for the immediate parole and final pardon of Arthur A. Strock, convicted of forgery, September 26, 1915, and sentenced by Judge Thos. W. Wert to a term of five years in the state penitentiary, which time he is now serving at labor in the coal mines of the Sloss-Sheffield Company at Flat Top, Ala. D 18-25

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J. S. Patterson
Bank Street—Decatur

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(Continued from Page One.)
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"FUEL ADMINISTRATION HOPE."

This order applies to all electric lighting plants operated by steam either wholly or in part, and you will see to it that these instructions are properly observed.

Yours truly,
STATE ADMINISTRATOR.

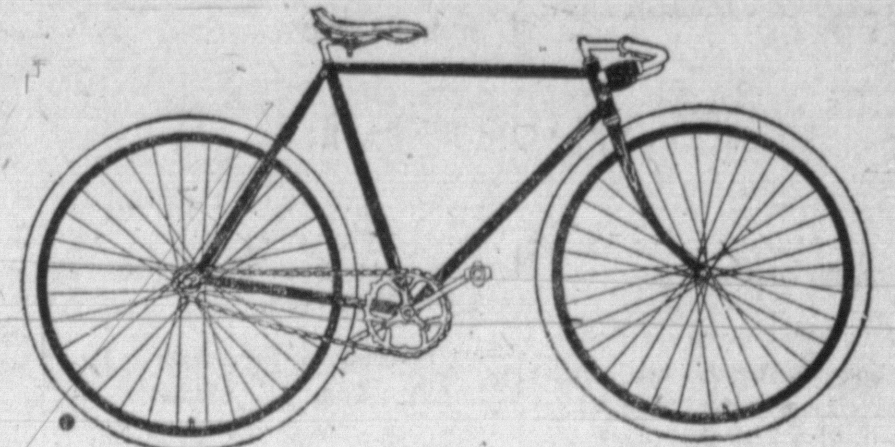
WHEN in need of Printing see what we can do before you go elsewhere.

Men Must Go Out Shopping.
One result of the replacing of men by women in many of the British industries is the increase of shopping by men unfit by age or physical disability for army service, notes a correspondent. Tradespeople, who have noticed the gradual increase of their men customers, are not at all adverse to the innovation, because they find generally that a larger amount of business can be got through in a given time.

The Soldier's Life.
Sergeant Finnegan was all dressed up and looked it. He was stationed at Fort Tilden—which is away among the sand dunes on the far end of Rockaway Point—and he was going to take a day off, writes a camp correspondent. "Good-by, fellers," he shouted. "It's going to be a cold night. Me for a warm bed at home tonight." And he started on a run for the boat waiting at the pier. He had got about 25 yards along when he heard: "Sergeant Finnegan." The voice was the voice of his company commander, and the sergeant turned and went back and stood at salute. The captain spoke: "You will distribute the underwear this afternoon and bring over the stoves which arrived at the barracks this morning."



Brock & Spight Co., Distributors, Decatur, Ala.



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In our Confectionery Department you will find for Ladies, a full line of Steege's High Grade Chocolates in Holiday Boxes, from 40c to \$8. Fancy Baskets of Fruits from \$1.50 to \$6.

Also in this department, Boxes of Cigars for Men, 25 and 50 to the box.

Wilder & Ezell

1329-1331 Fourth Ave., South. Phone 130, Albany

See Us Quick

We sell cotton seed meal, hulls, bran, shorts, shucks, hay, oats and corn. Call us for Quick Delivery. We buy corn and grain from the farmer at the highest market price.

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Office 252-254 East Moulton. Mill 1 Block South of Court House.

Water Consumers!

We again call your attention to the fact that Dec. 20th is the last day to pay water bills.

Service will be discontinued from all houses for which the water bill remains unpaid after Dec. 20th.

Alabama Water Co.

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Relief From Big Fuel Bills

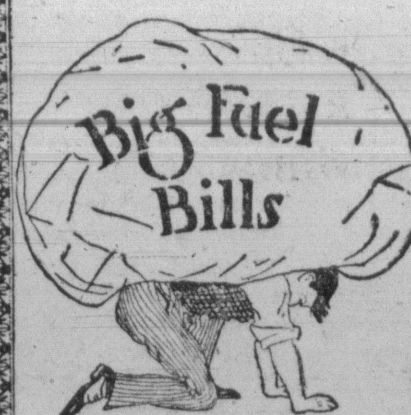
SAVE at least 1-3 to 1-2 your coal bill this winter. At the high price of fuel this saving should more than pay for this wonderfully efficient

Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater

For Hard Coal, Soft Coal, Slack, Lignite, Wood and Lighter Fuels

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Burns the cheapest grade coal clean and bright. Remember that soft coal is half gas. This valuable half of your fuel money escapes up the chimney and is wasted in other stoves. Cole's Hot Blast Fuel Saving combustion (see open cut) stops this needless waste and saves and utilizes the gas half of the coal wasted by other stoves and turns it into warmth and cheer for your home.



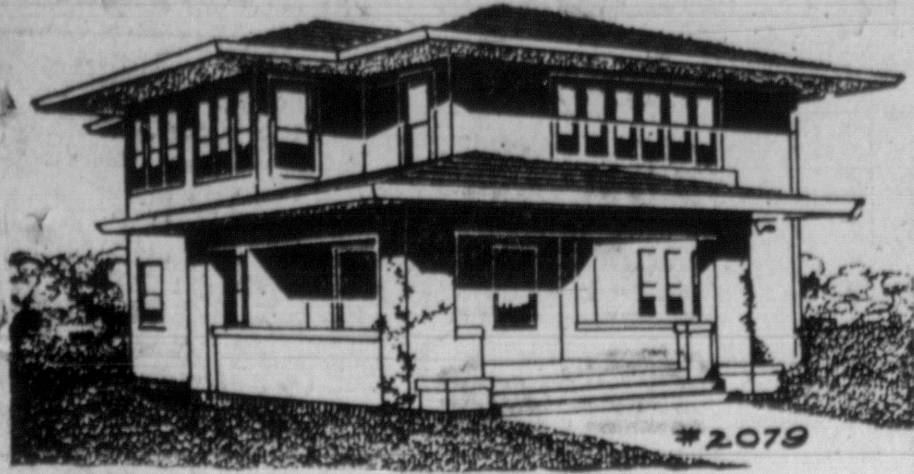
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No. 110

More Paradises For Albany-Decatur

More contented families--more progressive citizens--more satisfied young people--more workers for the good of our cities--that's what modern homes will accomplish.

If you are contemplating building or remodeling a home; you will receive new ideas, fresh inspiration, and increased determination from the Albany-Decatur home building page which appears weekly.



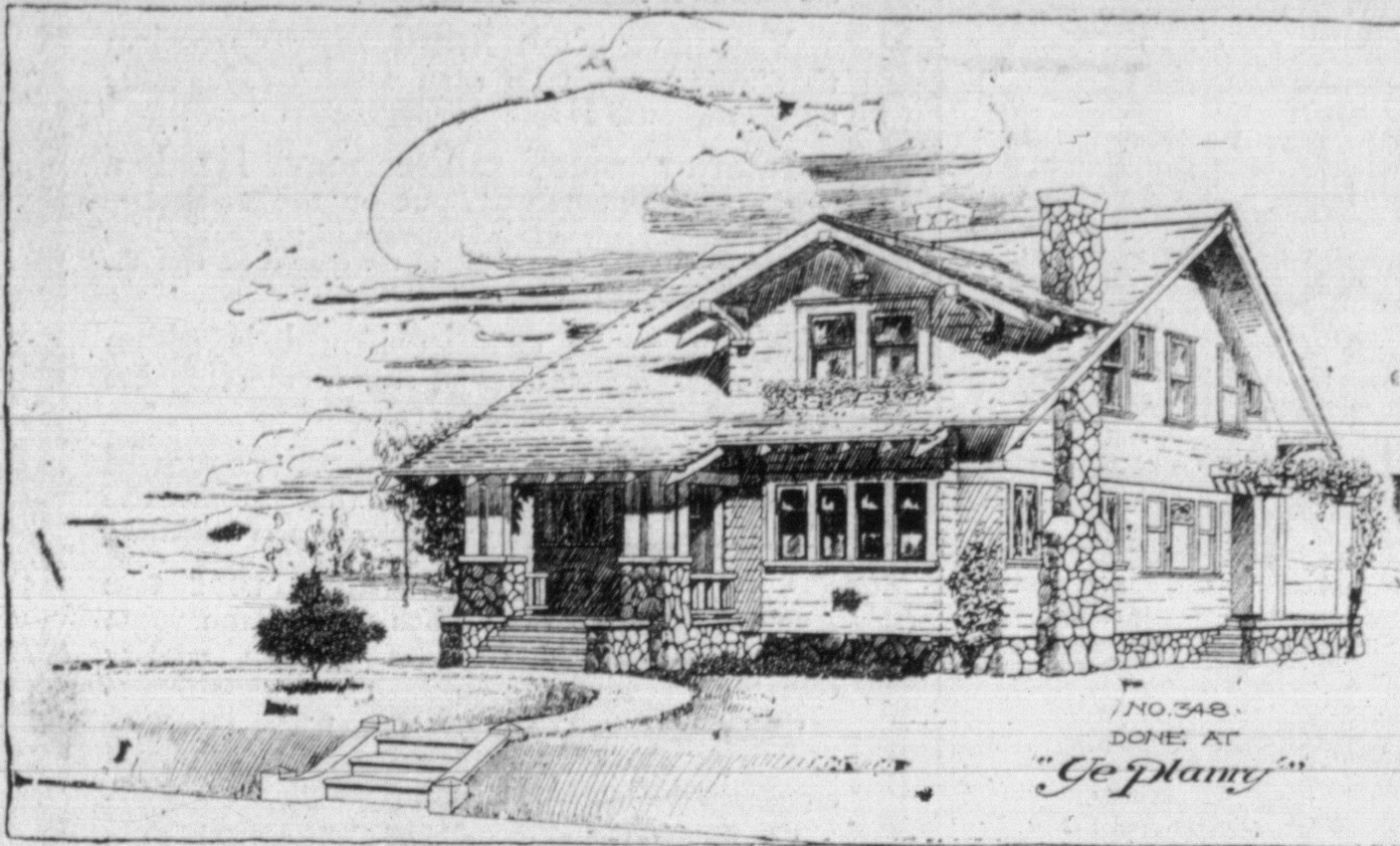
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Homes in Decatur and Albany may be wired at a small cost and owners will be given twelve months time to pay for the wiring, if they desire it. Call at our office for information.

Terms may be as low as \$2.00 per month

A full line of Gas Ranges, Gas Heaters and all Gas and Electrical Appliances to make home comfortable

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Light, well ventilated, amply large rooms in a story and a half Home.

And a large 11x22½ living room included.

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WHEN you wish to furnish your new home, don't fail to call and inspect our twenty three furnished rooms on SECOND FLOOR. You may find valuable suggestions here.

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Try Steam or Hot Water Heating. Coal at \$6.50 per ton is cheaper when burned in a Steam or Hot Water boiler than cough drops at 5 cents per box. Everybody knows that when the air in the room is warmed by low temperature in Steam or Water radiators the moisture is not robbed from the air, therefore its purity and life giving properties are preserved, that is why all hospitals and green houses, where preservation of human life and tender plants are maintained, use Steam or Hot Water Heat.

If you consider that your health or your family's health is worth preserving, call or write for information and estimate concerning your heating needs, to

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An agency that merits patronage is one that offers loyal service and superior facilities.

We guarantee our agency to be one of that character.

Place your business with us where it will receive prompt and expert attention.

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Decatur, Ala. Phone 48

Does Renting Pay?

First we will take the man who is paying \$15.00 per month. We figure ten years because there is any number of men in Albany and Decatur who have been renting that long.

Twelve months rent at \$15.00 is\$ 180.00

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What have you to show for it? (Wait until you miss a month.) A big sign hung on the door--"FOR RENT," by some real estate man or an individual who just had a little more nerve than you had ten years ago.

You have rented ten years and paid for a house and lot which is still there--so are you, and still paying \$15.00 per month to get to stay.

Let us explain our Monthly Payment Plan and help you to be the owner of a HOME, not a PLACE.

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OFFICES IN TENNESSEE VALLEY BANK DECATUR, ALA.

"A Home Is Paradise"

Hare said to Adam, Paradise was home. To the good, among his descendants, "HOME IS PARADISE."

Home may easily be defined as Paradise when Love is the ruler, where the good, true and loving influences of the "heart" of the home predominates.

But, home cannot be termed Paradise when there is no permanency attached to the word; when it does not convey to the family the ideal of a port of refuge, a haven during the frequent storms encountered in our daily lives.

A home in its true sense is not a leased or rented dwelling. It must be built--or purchased.

"Then we hear from the Celestial dome

Ye have done well for Ye have built a home."

Then there is that false pride in many people which prevents them from building because they want a mansion; the medium priced home does not appeal to them; their vanity is the ruler of their hearts--they, their families and friends are sacrificed on the altar of vanity.

To those who are dwelling in rented quarters because of vanity, we quote from an unknown poet:

"We need no power or splendor,

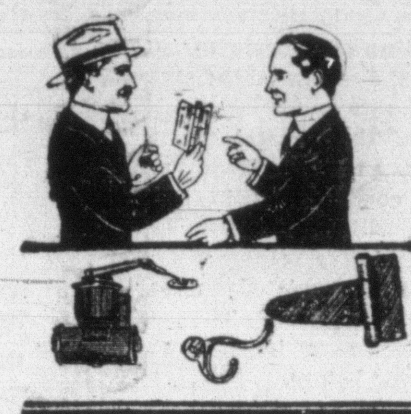
Wide halls or loudly dome;

The good, the true, the tender,

These form the wealth of home."

Let your thoughts be on Home Ownership, let it be planned by a united family--erected by loving hands, paid for by willing sacrifices--and it will be your Paradise.

Everything in Hardware for Builders



It is the most important to select the best hardware for that new home or building.

That brings you here, for we make a point of carrying nothing but the best builder's hardware that adds not only to the beauty of a building but to its selling value as well.

The Sash and door Locks, Hinges, Etc., are a very small part of a building, but will repay many times for the cost and trouble of proper selection. Cheap goods are a continual source of trouble and worry.

We are prepared to name interesting prices on the complete hardware for any style of building from the humble cottage to the largest office building.

Yes sir! We also sell the best building Tools--all moderately priced.

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METAL SHINGLES
MAKE
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We have the complete Plans, Blue Prints, Photos and Specifications for "Ye Planry" Houses, on display at our office.

"Ye Planry" homes are models of the builders' art. They combine a minimum in cost with the maximum in beauty, stability and conveniences.

CALL TO SEE THE PLANS AND LET US EXPLAIN!

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Start the new home right by stocking the pantry from

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Money saved on Groceries can be used for other purposes

Tote and Save

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PROHIBITION WINS ITS GREATEST VICTORY.

The disciples of aridity, and their name is legion, won their greatest victory yesterday when the House of Representatives, by more than a two-thirds vote, passed the Sheppard amendment to the federal constitution. If ratified, this amendment will forever prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors within the length and breadth of the United States.

The passage of this amendment marks the opening of the last battle to be fought between the clans of John Barleycorn and the hosts of temperance. For the next several years this herculean struggle must go on, as that length of time is granted by the constitution for action by the state legislatures, three-fourths of which must set the seal of their approval upon the amendment before it becomes effective and binding.

Whether or not the amendment is ratified, the friends of prohibition have demonstrated the wonderful hold which the total abstinence idea has taken upon the nation. Ten years ago it was not thought even probable that liquor could be dethroned from its high seat in congress. Yet this strong hold has been stormed and carried despite the activities of the brewer and the distillers, the saloonists and the heelers. There is no longer any doubt as the trend of national sentiment.

WHEN TOLERANCE CEASES TO BE A VIRTUE.

There is one time when tolerance ceases to be a virtue. And that is when men so far forget their duty to country and their obligation to society as to treat with cold contempt or open insult the patriotic women who are working in the interest of the Red Cross membership drive. Several instances of this kind were reported by the Red Cross workers yesterday. That the offenders escaped unscathed is due largely to the magnanimity of a public that is growing extremely weary of such conduct.

Age limits and physical infirmities decree that many men shall stay at home by warm firesides while others go out into the cold trenches to fight their battles. The least that these can be expected to do is to contribute in a financial way to the support of their younger and more active brothers. The stinging term of "slacker" is the mildest that can be applied to such as these. They cannot be compelled to give, but they can be made to clothe their thoughts in the words of civility. When they openly charge that Red Cross funds are being misappropriated, or when they wantonly attack this institution that is fostered and protected by our government, they step beyond the pale of decency and deserve to be shunned by well thinking and patriotic people.

Recruits Are Wanted For U. S. Guards

All Stations Are Authorized to Enlist Men for This Service.

The Decatur recruiting station of the regular army is in receipt of the following telegram authorizing the recruiting of men for the United States Guards:

Fifteen thousand men needed at once for United States Guards for protecting public utilities in United States. Enlistments for period of existing emergency. Men enlisted must be beyond draft age. Enlistment of married men authorized. Enlistment papers to be marked "United States Guards National Army." Secure all men of former service, Spanish-American, Boxer campaign, Philippine, army, navy or marine corps, and men with experience in well organized fire and police departments. Where practicable they will serve in vicinity of their homes.

McCain,
Adjutant General.

Have you joined the Red Cross? All you need a heart and a dollar.

Voice of the People

Editor Albany-Decatur Daily:

The girls of the senior class of the Decatur high school will give a play, the "Farmerette," on Friday evening at 7:45 in the auditorium for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. war fund. Its witty lines and lovely incidents provide a play of unusual interest. The story is about Nan Wellington, who throws up a good job in the city when her mother died and comes back to the old homestead to save it to the family. Her plucky fight as a farmerette against inexperienced nature, human villainy and greed, is skillfully knit into the play, full of amusement and excitement.

CHRISTINE WOODWARD.

Editor Albany-Decatur Daily:

Call to the colors issued by the president of the United States for an army of 10,000,000 to serve in the ranks of the Red Cross should appeal to every loyal citizen of the United States to do their bit toward winning the world war. We are sending, and preparing to send, millions of our boys to the front to fight for liberty, freedom and Christianity. We, who stay at home, out of the danger from shot and shell, should do our part in any field in which we can be of use. The Red Cross has a very important part to play in the game. Its no fad, but a question that should appeal to every loyal soul in the land.

The quota for Albany is fixed at 931. To fall short of that number would be a disgrace for a town that boasts of a population of 12,000. In my estimation, the number of members should reach 3,500 or more.

Remember, the call for volunteers is made by our great war president, who feels and knows the great need of workers in the Red Cross branch of the army. Many of our patriotic citizens would gladly join the ranks were they financially well able to do so.

It's up to the more fortunate to deposit such funds with the manager, Mrs. W. E. Todd, as their patriotism and generosity might suggest, in order to pay for membership for those who are not well able to pay for themselves, leaving it to the management to make proper application of the funds.

In this war crisis, let Albany do its all duty, and not go down in shame.

CHAS. BASSETT.

MUST MAIL EARLY SAYS UNCLE SAM

"If you want your packages to get to your friends before Christmas, then address them plainly, wrap them securely and above all, mail them early."

This was the advice given the public by Twin City postoffice officials today who are afraid that the unusually late mailing of Christmas parcels may swamp the service at the eleventh hour.

Because of the general prosperity in the country and the large number of Morgan county boys in training camps there will be an unusually and phenomenally heavy volume of Christmas mail, it was pointed out at the Albany postoffice today. This makes early mailing more imperative this year than ever before.

Although extra precautions to handle the business have been taken, postoffice officials declared that the office may be heavily congested with mail by the end of the week unless local patrons mail their parcels as much as possible during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Delivery of Christmas parcels by

If you can't go across, come across. Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

AMUSEMENTS

"EVERYWOMAN."

Praise is due Henry W. Savage for the way he has produced "Everywoman," the wonder play, which is coming to the Jefferson, Birmingham, two matinees and two nights, Dec. 25 and 26, for scenically it is the best thing that has been done in a long time.

"Everywoman" appeals to all classes in such a manner as to stimulate the brain, touch the heart and arouse to activity the higher and finer impulses of being. Its characters are allegorical, and its story points a moral, but is far from being anything like an old morality play. It has lots of satire, the kind that the ordinary mind penetrates and enjoys without difficulty. It has some poetry, the kind that doesn't frighten those whose sole mental pabulum is the daily paper and the seller of the minute. But more directly contributory to its success, it has pretty women in pretty gowns against a background of pretty stage pictures. Its appeal to the eye is continuous and potent. The magic mirror in which Flattery appears and disappears, the scene behind the scenes where the "broilers" disport themselves; the banquet which becomes an orgy; the New Year's Eve celebration on the snow-clad streets of New York—these are all picturesque and interesting to look at. You sit through it without restiveness, and at times are strongly moved.

"Everywoman" teaches a wholesome lesson and still tells a dramatic, soul-stirring story in rare literary style—while the whole is surrounded by splendid scenery and beautiful costuming.

Automobile in Albany will begin on Thursday. This is a new method of parcel post delivery in Albany and is expected to relieve the rush of incoming mail somewhat.

A night parcel post window will be opened Thursday night.

Give your Christmas presents to humanity—Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

DELITE STAR THEATRE

Wednesday

"PRIDE"

Second number of the series of "Seven Deadly Sins," a five-reel drama of today, with Holbrook Blinn & Shirley Mason.

'Cactus Nell'

A side-splitting Keystone comedy.

Albany Silk Mills ALBANY, ALA.

We advertise here because we believe it our duty to support the paper which helps up-build this community.

Those first calling cards. Every prospective bride takes especial interest in her first calling cards after the "Mrs." is added. Supply your wants by ordering early from the Daily. Many styles and prices to select from.

Discard Them!

Old rickety shoes with holes in them are very well in dry times, but when the whole earth is covered in snow as it is now they are positively worse than nothing.

THE SLUSH

Is here for several days we know. How much longer we cannot tell. New shoes now that will keep your feet dry will pay for themselves in one week.

MAKE SURE

That your children's feet are also taken care of. They are the ones that will be exposed. Our stocks are ready for you.

QUALITY RIGHT. PRICES REASONABLE

CHANDLER'S

Ginning in County Totals 15,290 Bales

Ginning in Morgan county from the crop of 1917 to December 1 totals 15,290 bales, as compared with 14,789 bales for the same period last year, according to the report of C. E. Walker, Morgan county representative of the Bureau of Census.

There's But One Safe Way to Buy

I keep in close touch with market conditions of food products. I am correctly informed as to the cash and food value of practically every article of table and baking use. My knowledge and close acquaintance with the materials and their quality and money worth passed on to you in my articles, should aid in the selection of proper foods at proper prices.

You have often heard the expression that "water seeks its own level." This same thought might well be applied to merchandise.

Inferior merchandise may find a ready demand when first put on the market—but its inferiority is soon found out—and its sale usually takes a slump. Hence I have come to the conclusion that the biggest seller is the best buy.

When some certain brand is given a wide preference over all similar merchandise it means but one thing—merit has proved it best.

So it follows that if housewives would purchase only merchandise that meets the greatest demand their buying would be far more satisfactory.

I have noticed invariably that the demand for a product always verifies the value of a product determined by scientific tests—which proves my contention conclusively.

Take baking powder. The biggest selling brand on the market today proved to me by the most critical experiments that it is entitled to the preference it has gained.

There are more pounds of Calumet sold than any other brand of baking powder. Usage has proved its superiority—my tests pointed to the same fact. The woman who buys Calumet eliminates all possible waste. She profits by the experience of millions of women who after testing many different brands of baking powder find Calumet best. It is safe to buy because overwhelming choice shows the supreme satisfaction it renders the vast majority of housewives.

I have made investigations and trips through many plants that manufacture food articles, and I have yet to find a finer and better equipped, more up to date, sanitary plant than that of the Calumet Baking Powder Co. Anyone who will visit this plant will readily understand why they should and how they do manufacture baking powder that fills all the requirements.

Maudie Marie Costello

NOTE.—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

VISIT THE ATTRACTIVE AND HISTORICAL

GULF COAST

Low Round Trip Rates:

Pascagoula - \$18.15	Gulf Port - \$18.40
Biloxi - \$18.40	Pass Christian \$18.95
Mississippi City \$18.40	Bay St. Louis \$19.30

Tickets on sale daily—good returning until May 31st. Liberal stopovers allowed on going and return trip or both.

For further information write

J. H. SETTLE, D. P. A., Birmingham or call on



Ticket Agents, Decatur or Albany

A bank is usually what the men back of it make it. Its strength depends largely upon their experience, judgment and responsibility; its growth upon the time, thought and effort they devote to its interest.

The directors of this bank are deeply interested in the stability and progress of the institution and keep in constant touch with every detail of its affairs.

There is no better proof of the splendid results of such able direction than the steady development of this institution.

MORGAN COUNTY NATIONAL BANK ALBANY, ALA.

Deposits Nov. 20, 1917 (Comptroller's Call)	\$518,876.52
" Nov. 20, 1916	409,059.13
" Nov. 20, 1915	320,034.31
" Nov. 20, 1914	250,308.87

- WANTS -

Help Wanted, Real Estate and Homes For Sale, Lost or Found, Etc., Etc.

ALL WANT ADS CASH IN ADVANCE

No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents
25 words, 1 time 25c 50 words, 1 time 50c
25 words, 3 times 50c 50 words, 3 times 1.00
25 words, 1 week \$1.00 50 words, 1 week \$1.75
25 words, 1 mo. \$3.00 50 words, 1 mo. \$5.00

WANTED—To borrow from \$5,000 on 50% valuation farm. Will take it for term of five years if interest right. Address "M. care Daily."

Your friends can buy anything can give them except your photograph. Made at REDDEN STUDIO, Decatur, over Owl Drug Store, Sunday afternoons.

FOR SALE—Jersey cow with calf. 130 Seventh avenue, west. B. Clopton.

WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or wood. Call Wilder Place, 134. M. 3

FOR SALE—One platform scale cut-under wagon; new running. Lide, Decatur Co. Phone 140. -catur.

SOCIETY

Margaret Clinton Shelton, Phone 682, Albany

CLUB CALENDAR

Wednesday.
Married Ladies' Bridge—Mrs. B. P. Wallace.
Music Study Club—Mrs. E. E. Graves.

Thursday.
Mrs. E. W. Godbey will entertain at 4 o'clock.
Silk Stocking Club—Mrs. T. H. Alexander.

Friday.
"The Farmerette"—Decatur High School Auditorium.
Auction Bridge.

HARVEST DAY.
Harvest Day was very fittingly celebrated by the Missionary Society of the First church, Decatur, on Monday afternoon.

The ladies' parlor was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables in banks and hanging baskets representing how bountifully God has poured out His material blessings.

The program consisted of an appropriate address by the president, Mrs. C. D. Williamson, and "How We Should Give," discussed by Mrs. W. A. Brown; a piano solo, by Mrs. J. F. Collins, and a reading by Miss Elizabeth Houston, were greatly enjoyed.

Reports from the officers and band leaders were interspersed with Bible readings, prayer and songs. These reports inspired to greater zeal and for next year's work.

A social half hour was enjoyed. Tea and coffee were poured from three well appointed tables by Mesdames Williamson, Brown, West, White, Houston and Morris. The table decorations were in keeping with the other decorations.

HARVEST DAY.
Harvest Day was very prettily celebrated Monday afternoon by the Missionary Society of the Central M. E. church at the residence of Mrs. T. A. Caddell. Mrs. W. A. Rickles was the splendid leader, her talk on the subject of "Giving" being thoroughly enjoyed by the society. Rev. Persinger followed with a few appropriate remarks. Mildred Green gave a pleasing reading. The reports of the various officers were complete and satisfactory. Potted plants made the rooms very attractive.

SILK STOCKING CLUB.
The meeting of the Silk Stocking club has been postponed until the first Thursday in January to be with Mrs. T. H. Alexander.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB.
The meeting of the Woman's Literary club has been postponed until after the holidays, date to be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Berry and sons, Frank and Henry, of Louisville, Ky., are expected to arrive the latter part of the week to spend Christmas with Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Rowden.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whitton returned Saturday from a ten days' trip through southern states.

Mrs. W. N. Cowden leaves tomorrow for Birmingham to spend the holidays with Mr. Cowden.

Misses Maud and Mary Burke, of Birmingham, will be the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Wiggins.

Little Frank Cook is improved after a severe illness.

Mrs. O. C. Hollingsworth, who has been ill for two weeks, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. W. L. Brisby and grand-daughter, Annie Ruth, will go to Culleoka, Tenn., for the holidays.

Have a heart—Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

Give your Christmas present to humanity—Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The social or mid-monthly meeting of the Missionary Society of the Central Baptist church was held with Mrs. W. A. Curry Monday afternoon.

Roll call response, Favorite Evangelist.

Mrs. Seneca Burr talked on "Present Day Evangelism," assisted by Mesdames H. S. Roberts, R. H. Allison, W. R. Simpson, R. Bracken and Miss Weaver.

Miss Gibson gave a splendid vocal selection, followed by a much enjoyed duet, rendered by Mrs. W. H. Todd and Mrs. F. G. Cook. During the social hour light refreshments were served.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB POSTPONED.
Because of the intensive Red Cross drive the meeting of the Music Study club has been postponed until January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Goidel and son, S. C. Jr., are visiting in Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, N. C.

Mrs. H. M. Vaughn and son will leave Thursday for Memphis and Whitesville, Tenn., where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Harbin Miller and daughter, Eliza Lee, of Atlanta, will arrive on Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bibb.

Miss Mabel Hartung will arrive tonight from Maryville College, Tenn., for the holidays.

PERSONALS

Solicitor D. C. Almon has returned from Washington and New York. At the latter city he visited his son, Lieut. Curtis Almon, of the U. S. army, now stationed there. Lieut. Almon will arrive on January 20 for a visit to homefolks and will probably be ordered to France early in the spring.

D. A. Vaughn has returned from a visit to Columbia, Tenn.

Haywood Martin returned from the east today. At Washington he successfully stood the examination for the aerial corps and was ordered to report at San Antonio, Texas, and will leave for that place tomorrow. At New York Mr. Martin visited homefolks.

For inexpensive Christmas presents we have a good selection of the latest books of fiction, also the popular priced 35 cents copy. If you are looking for something in the way of French Ivory sets or individual pieces, we have them. Owl Drug Co. 18-2t

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central National Bank will be held in its banking rooms, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

T. A. BOWLES, Cashier.
D 12-19-26 J 2.

Have a heart—Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

WIT and HUMOR

A Streptuous Hint.
He had been a regular Sunday caller for six months, when one evening he dropped in arrayed in a new suit of clothes.

"That is a lovely wedding suit you have on," remarked the dear girl.

"Why," gasped the astonished young man, "this is a b-business suit!"

"Well," rejoined the d. g., calmly, "I mean business; don't you?"

And the next day he put up \$9.98 of his hard-earned wealth for a suit-taire.

Both Alike.
"Women are unkind to one another. Have you ever noticed how a woman with a new hat patronizes the woman who is wearing a last year's creation made over?"

"Yes. But on the other hand, have you ever noticed the way a man who has a new motorcar looks down on the owner of a second-hand machine?"

WANTED 382 Men.--Women and children to join our **THRIFT CLUB**--beginning now for Xmas 1918. We pay you interest while you save. Call Decatur 44 and leave your name.

TENNESSEE VALLEY BANK

"Resources over two Million Dollars"

Only a Few More Days until Xmas

You will find many useful and appropriate presents here for ladies, men and children.

SPECIAL SALE ALL NEXT WEEK

on everything in Clothing, Shoes, etc., for the whole family as we are bound to clean up before the holidays regardless of price.

JUST RECEIVED--A new lot of Shoes, Men's Sport Coats, Overcoats at prices that will suit your pocketbook.

J. BLOCK

Next to Owl Drug Co.

Decatur

Useful Gifts

This is the keynote sounded in our Christmas offerings this year. Give:

Ties Silk Shirts Suit Cases and Bags
Ladies' Box Handkerchiefs at before the war prices, from 15c to 75c.

Ladies' Coats and Suits, Ladies' Fancy Shoes at a Reduction for the Holidays.

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WILL SELL IT.
TRY ONE.

H. MULLEN,
Plumbing,
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ESTIMATES FURNISHED.
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Albany.
Phone 64.

Only 5 More Shopping Days Till Xmas

Toys, Ladies' Coats, Suits and Hats Reduced

If you have not seen the dainty silk and Crepe de Chine underwear we are offering, you have missed a treat. The Mid-winter Lace Hats are here. Everyone wants a Bath Robe--we have them priced moderately.

THE FASHION

Bank Street

"THE LADIES' SHOP"

Decatur, Ala.

Shop early in the day, the morning hours are golden.

RELIABLE AND PROGRESSIVE

BUTTREY'S

THE HOME OF FROLASET CORSET

Shop here, it's the logical Christmas headquarters

An Xmas Gift Ideal Every Suit--Half Price

Every Suit in Stock, Nothing Reserved or Held Back

We quote a few examples below just to give you an idea--just half the marked price is the selling price.

All	All	All
\$60.00 Suits	\$50.00 Suits	\$35.00 Suits
NOW	NOW	NOW
\$30.00	\$25.00	\$17.50

Every Child's Coat Reduced

AGES 8 TO 14

All	All	All	All
\$15.00 Coats	\$12.50 Coats	\$10.00 Coats	\$8.50 Coats
NOW	NOW	NOW	NOW
\$10.00	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$5.98

Early Copy Necessary

On account of some of the Daily force having gone to the army it is absolutely necessary to have copy for large ads in the afternoon before day of issue from now until Christmas.

Please co-operate with us in this that the Daily may come out on time every day.

Cordially yours,
THE DAILY.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Ice and Coal Company will be held at their office in Decatur on January 14, 1918, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. H. ALLISON, Secretary.
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Lide's Hardware Store

IS THE

Christmas Shop

AS USUAL

THE TEST OF TESTS



This picture shows Mme. Rappold and Mr. Urlus singing in direct comparison with one of their Re-Creations. Will any Phonograph stand this test except

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph With a Soul"

This test has been made before more than two million people. This is the Christmas Gift Ideal for the entire family, one that is good three hundred and sixty-five days in the year.

Come in and hear this wonderful instrument, Mr. Edison's Masterpiece.

Reuther Jewelry Co.

505 Bank St.

Decatur, Ala.

THIS IS THE STORE OF Useful Christmas Gifts



This year it is unpatriotic to give gifts that are not practical. Only gifts truly serviceable will be found here. Many useful articles may be purchased under a dollar. Visit our store now, while selections are at their best. We will set aside your gifts till holiday week.

Give Furniture

Everything for the Home

There is nothing that will give as much genuine pleasure to every member of the family as a

VICTROLA

Why not combine all the presents into one and let the whole family enjoy their favorite selection, whether piano, violin, orchestra or band. Popular songs or grand opera. Victor artists who make the records are known to be the best in the profession. Come in and hear them.



VICTOR TALKING MACHINES \$20.00 to \$250.00

Exclusive agents for Globe-Wernicke book cases

McGehee Furniture Co.

504-506 Bank street, Phone 128

MILK

Is your MILK MAN taking care of your Milk supply this cold weather?

We are prepared to supply you with all you may need at all times.

Fresh Butter Milk Pasturized Sweet Milk
Pure Sweet Cream Fresh Creamery Butter
Cottage Cheese Pimento Cheese
Guaranteed Eggs

The above are just a part of the Pure Dairy Products that we handle.

(Remember Red Cross Drive this week)

DECATUR CREAMERY, 703 Bank Street
DECATUR
ALBANY MILK DEPOT, 220 Grant Street
ALBANY

MASSEY SCHOOL FOR BOYS PULASKI, TENNESSEE.

Authoritative Opinions of Massey Training.

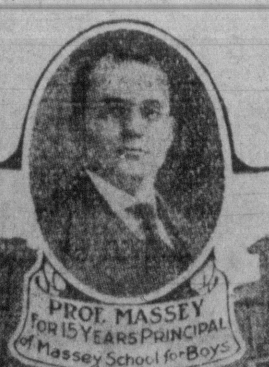
"I regard Massey School as one of the best in the South", Wilbur P. Tillet, Dean, Vanderbilt University.
"The young men who come to us from Massey School show that they have had better training than usual." Edgar H. Johnson, Dean, Emory University.

"A man assumes a tremendous responsibility when he commends a training school for boys. I feel safe and sure of my ground when I commend Massey School unreservedly." Geo. A. Morgan, Pastor, W. End Methodist Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Massey School may be all you could wish for in the training of your boy. Let us send catalog that will tell you more about it.

F. M. MASSEY,
Principal

Pulaski,
Tennessee.



PROF. MASSEY
FOR 15 YEARS PRINCIPAL
OF MASSEY SCHOOL FOR BOYS

RED CROSS DRIVE NETS 363 MEMBERS ON OPENING DAY

With its resident section untouched Decatur passed its first day's allotment yesterday with a total of 161 members.

It was learned that the full force of workers has not yet taken the field but it is known to them where the "enemy" is, and when all is ready for the big drive of today and tomorrow, it is believed that Decatur's total allotment of 664 will be reached, and thus leave the balance of the time for going beyond the requirement. Those busy in the drive today were Mrs. Will Wyker, Mrs. Frank Lide, Mrs. William McNeill, Mrs. John Almon, Mrs. John W. Jones, Mrs. Stanley Green, Mrs. Wilkerson of West Decatur and Miss Lynda Williamson.

Dr. Jesse A. Cook, the manager of the campaign, stated that from the two booths so far set up, 55 members were registered yesterday, thus showing that the citizens are patriotic and responsive enough to go up and enroll themselves. About 80 members were taken in the downtown district leaving 30 others from "scattering" sources. The Decatur headquarters are in the work room of the Decatur chapter.

Albany Gets 202.

With outlying districts to hear from and with East Albany and one district of Central Albany unreported the Albany chapter of Red Cross last night had enrolled 202 new members for the first day of the seven-day drive now in full swing. At this rate Albany is destined to surpass her quota of 1,031 by a total of 533 members. But two booths were open yesterday while today a booth is in operation near the L. & N. shops. Large results are expected by the workers from the educational efforts made yesterday and last night. The "Holy Night" carol was sung at the Delite theatre, accompanied with instrumental music by Miss Florence Bassett, Miss Alice Hatton and William W. Rahm. Miss Mary Penick sang a beautiful solo. Chas. Eyster, the first of the "Four Minute Men" to make appearance in a local theatre, made a forceful address, in which he called attention to the needs and duties of the hour. The speaker emphasized the advisability of all Red Cross sympathizers, whether actual members now or not, adding their names to the long lists that are being drawn up throughout the nation. Mr. Eyster urged that all old members waive their rights on the unexpired terms of their present memberships and join anew during this week.

Miss Florence Bassett fulfilled her promise to visit the city schools where she made a number of addresses. At each school the children were enthusiastic and promised to go home and tell their parents that they were ready to sacrifice their usual Christmas presents this year in order to send comfort to the soldiers who are fighting in cold, damp trenches somewhere in France. Miss Bassett reports that there was not a child who did not seem to know about the war and who was not eager to make sacrifices.

War Fund Recital Program Announced

Local Entertainers to Appear at Albany High School.

The program for the recital to be given at the auditorium of the Albany high school on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. war fund was announced today. The recital is under the auspices of sixteen young ladies of the ninth grade, and promises to be largely attended.

The program in full follows:

Junior Glee Club—Song.
Frances Todd—Reading.
Miss Milligan—Solo.
Lois Goodman—Reading.
Annie B. Malone—Piano Solo.
Gladys Bernardi—Reading.
"The 16"—Song.
Evelyn Wade—Reading.
Willie Feist Price—Piano Solo.
Lucille Patterson—Reading.
Truman Stuckey—Piano Solo.
Ione Clark—Solo.
Mrs. Reynolds—Reading.
Daphne Graves—Piano Solo.
Miss Kimbrough—Reading.
Senior Glee Club—Song.

MORGAN FURNITURE CO.

HAS HANDSOME CALENDAR

One of the handsomest calendars of the season is that of the Morgan Furniture Company, a copy of which has been presented to the Daily by Manager John L. Proctor. The illustration is the reproduction of a painting by Frank H. Desch. It shows a very attractive specimen of the "deadlier species," garbed in red with sable furs and holding a lone rose in her hand. The coloring is vivid.

Have you joined the Red Cross? All you need a heart and a dollar. 17-6t

Notice to Registrants

In compliance with requests from the war department, the bar of Morgan county have assumed the task of guiding and aiding, to the best of their ability, the registrants in the matter of making proper answers to the many questions included in what is called the Questionnaire.

Accurate answers to these questions is a matter of supreme importance to the registrants and to the country. The reasons are obvious and too lengthy to be here stated.

The bar, together with many leading citizens selected by the bar assistants, will meet the registrants at the court house Monday morning, Dec. 17, 1917, and each day thereafter during the time limit of twenty days, and some members of the bar will, commencing Monday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 o'clock, deliver a lecture on this questionnaire, and provoke a discussion and a view to enlightening registrants, who are earnestly urged to attend thoroughly study the list of questions as received by them, and be so prepared that the answers of those requiring assistance may be disposed of with the utmost promptness; otherwise, many who require assistance will be detained for several days. As there are several hundred questions to be answered, unless the answers are carefully considered in advance, those requiring assistance cannot possibly receive it within the time limit. Registrants should make special preparation with reference to the following:

1. Each occupation followed for the previous ten years, the order in which these various vocations have been pursued, and the length of time spent at each.

2. The number of hours per week worked in each since May 18, 1917.

3. In what occupation registrant considers himself most proficient.

4. Length of service in any military organization, which would probably include such organizations as uniformed, Rank Knights of Pythias, Knights Templar, etc.

5. The branch of the army preferred by registrant, whether artillery, aviation, engineer corps, infantry, medical department, ordnance department, quartermaster corps.

6. Names and addresses of physicians consulted within the last twelve months, and dates of treatment.

7. Give relationship and address of each person dependent upon registrant's labor directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, for support.

8. The average monthly amount contributed separately to support of wife and children, and each and every other total or partial dependent during the last twelve months.

9. Names, ages and addresses of brother, father, mother, uncle, aunt, husband, wife or child that any one as that is dependent in any way upon registrant.

10. Figure total income from all sources during last twelve months, whether cash or anything else of value, together with the value of what may have produced, other than cash wages.

11. Statement of all your property of every kind, and net income from property. This is distinct from net income from wages or labor or business.

12. The amount of your real estate.

Call and Get Your Money

The prize winners in the MASCOT RANGE contest have been awarded by the Mascot Stove Mfg. Co. to Mrs. C. A. Moore, Dick Wright and Mrs. Newsom Nelson.

Their letter follows:
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1917.
Kelley & Hawk,
Albany, Ala.

Gentlemen:—
A committee of three of our office force has judged the answers sent in by you, and have awarded the prizes as follows: Mrs. C. A. Moore, first prize; Dick Wright, second prize, and Mrs. Newsom Nelson, third prize.

We are glad to serve you in the matter, and hope the good Mascots will find their way to many homes in your territory.

Yours respectfully,
MASCOT STOVE MFG. CO.
Per A. L. Jackson, Secretary.
(Adv.)

Thrift Campaigners At Hartselle Today

J. W. Cunningham and John L. Brock went to Hartselle today in the interest of the war saving stamp campaign. While there Mr. Cunningham will probably appoint several assistants to aid in making the campaign a big success.

ILLINOIS AUTHORITIES
ARE SEIZING COAL
(International News Service.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Coal consigned to non-essential industries is being seized by the Illinois fuel administration here today for distribution to householders to prevent suffering.

If you can't go across, come across. Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

Away with DEADLY POISONS
RAT CORN
KILLS RATS, MICE AND GOPHERS

FOR SALE BY
WHOLESALESALE.
J. H. Calvin Co., Albany, Ala.

RETAILERS.
The Owl Drug Co., Falkville, Ala.
S. M. Thompson, Albany, Ala.

CHRISTMAS
BANKING
CLUB

JOIN IT
AND YOU GET
A BANK BOOK

2¢ WILL
START
YOU.

IN 50 WEEKS YOU
WILL HAVE

\$25.50

COME IN,
BOYS AND GIRLS,
AND ASK ABOUT IT

THE CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB IS TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THOSE OF SMALL MEANS TO START A BANK ACCOUNT. CHILDREN ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO JOIN. THE CLUBS ARE ARRANGED TO FIT THEIR ABILITY TO PAY. 1 CENT, 2 CENTS, 5 CENTS AND 10 CENTS, OR 50 CENTS, \$1.00, \$5.00 OR ANY CLUB THAT IS DESIRED.

IN 50 WEEKS:
10 CENT CLUB PAYS \$127.50.
5 CENT CLUB PAYS 63.75.
2 CENT CLUB PAYS 25.50.
1 CENT CLUB PAYS 12.75.

MAKE THE LARGEST PAYMENT FIRST AND DECREASE YOUR PAYMENTS EACH WEEK. THIS IS A VERY POPULAR WAY.

PUT YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE CLUB. JOIN YOURSELF. WE ADD 4 PER CENT INTEREST.

Central National Bank

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QUALITY LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANERS

"We clean anything"

The Store Of A Thousand Gifts

The Holidays are fast approaching. Gift buying is now on in earnest. For your convenience we offer a few suggestions which may lead to pleasing gifts. In no instance can we tell you all that might be told of beautiful articles comprising our stocks. These are but suggestions. We invite you to call and look over the seasonable offerings here displayed.

FOR HER

French Ivory Goods in:

Toilet and Manicure Sets

Rosary Cases

Chin Chin Perfumes, in neat gift packages \$1.00
The lasting Oriental Odor. A breath of the Orient.

The popular and convenient Watch Bracelet.....\$12.00 to \$25.00

Belle Camp and Nunnally's Candies

FOR HIM

Sterling Cigarette Cases

Military Brush Sets

Sterns Supreme Trench Kit containing shaving cream, tooth paste, cold cream and talcum powder.

Ingersoll Watches with the new Radiolite dial, can be read in the dark. From.....\$2.50 to \$4.50

New Ingersoll seven jewel reliance movement, 10-year gold filled case. Price\$6.00

Parker and Safety Sealed Fountain Pens, a gift for either sex.....\$1.50 to \$4.00

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